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SUBJECT: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

REF: A. NICOSIA 3307; B. NICOSIA 3258

1. ICRC OFFICIALS (DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS HOCKE,
DELEGATE GENERAL BORSINGER AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL
TRACING AGENCY VECSEY) CONVOKED HA COUNSELOR OVER WEEKEND
TO DISCUSS TFSC SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT REPORTED REF B, AND
PARTICULARLY THE MATTER OF THE VOTE FOR THE ICRC.

2. HOCKE, WHO SERVED AS PRINCIPAL SPOKESMAN, PRESENTED
ICRC POSITION PAPER CONCERNING CYPRUS DATED FEBRUARY 1976
WHICH SETS FORTH THE GROUND RULES, AS SEEN BY THE ICRC,
FOR PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE TRACING AND IDENTIFICATION
OF MISSING PERSONS. HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT IN
ICRC'S VIEW, THE MISSING PERSONS COMMISSION SHOULD BE A
"WORKING GROUP" AND THAT THE QUESTION OF VOTING IS COM-
PLETELY ACADEMIC AND IRRELAVENT. IF THE STUMBLING BLOCK
IN THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS IS ARTICLE 2, CONCERNING THE
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VOTE, ICRC FEELS THAT THE OTHER PARTIES ARE MISSING THE
POINT. THEY DO NOT FORESEE A SITUATION IN WHICH VOTING
WOULD BE NECESSARY. ICRC POINTS OUT THAT THIS IS AN
INFORMATION GATHERING GROUP ONLY, AND NOT AN INVESTIGATING
COMMITTEE. ITS TASK IS TO REACH CONCLUSIONS, AND NOT TO
VOTE UPON THEM. HOCKE POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE
WOULD NOT LOOK INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO DEATH,

BUT SIMPLY ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH AS A MATTER OF FACT WHETHER THE PERSON WERE DEAD OR ALIVE. IF AGREEMENT WERE NOT POSSIBLE, THEN THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CARRIED AS "MISSING". HE EMPHASIZED THAT WHEN THE COMMITTEE HAD COMPLETED ITS WORK, IT WOULD TURN ITS FINDINGS OVER TO THE GREEK OR TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES, WHOSE TASK IT WOULD BE TO INFORM PARENTS OR RELATIVES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION HAD BEEN DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE TO BE DEAD.

3. COMMENT: ICRC OFFICIALS APPEARED TO PLACE CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS UPON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NON-VOTING CHARACTER OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO BE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER THE WRANGLE ON THIS POINT. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO BE CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE, OR TO BE OPEN TO ACCUSATIONS OF PARTIALITY BY EITHER SIDE SHOULD THEY PLAY THE ROLE OF TIE-BREAKER. QUESTION WAS NOT ADDRESSED AS TO WHETHER ICRC MIGHT WITHDRAW FROM PARTICIPATION ON THE COMMISSION SHOULD ITS VOTING FUNCTION BE MAINTAINED. HOWEVER, DEEP CONCERN OF ICRC ON THIS POINT WAS EMPHASIZED. END COMMENT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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